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		Application Number	10/015,616
		Filing Date	December 17, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Yuji TOCHIO
		Group Art Unit	2828
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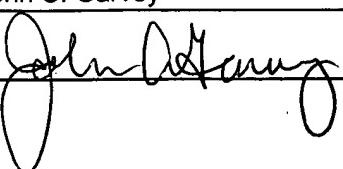
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For: DRIVER CIRCUIT AND DRIVING METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR LASER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 18, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1-14 were pending in the application and the Examiner allowed all claims except for claim 14. Thus, claims 1-14 are pending in the application. The Examiner's rejection is traversed below.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,292,606 to Trimmel. In the rejection, the Examiner relies upon Figures 1 and 2 and column 2 of Trimmel. The Examiner takes the position that the three currents recited in claim 14 correspond to the bias current I_o , the pilot signal current I_s , and the modulation current I_{MOD} illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of Trimmel.

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